

COUNTY

News From

JACK DOYLE Monroe County Executive

For Immediate Release

Wednesday, October 30, 2002

DOYLE ANNOUNCES START OF ON-LINE PARKS RESERVATIONS FOR 2003

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today announced that on Friday, November 1, 2002, residents will be able to reserve shelters and lodges throughout County parks, 365 days in advance, via the County's new on-line parks reservation system at www.monroecounty.gov.

"Reservations now can be made through the Internet for a lodge or shelter from a person's home, work or local public library," said Doyle. "This is certainly an added convenience for residents as they start making their plans for next year. I encourage everyone with access to the Internet to use the on-line system."

The lodges and shelters are fully searchable by park, date and amenities and visitors can access detailed, seasonal photographs of each facility to help them select the right location for their event. A confirmation will be sent by e-mail to those who make reservations on-line. The Park's Lodge/Shelter Reservation System will accept payment via credit card through an advanced security e-commerce application or by mailing a check, after a reservation is made.

Residents can also access lodge and shelter information by calling the Reservations Office at 256-4950 or visiting the County Parks Department, located at 171 Reservoir Avenue. There is a computer available for persons to make on-line reservations in the foyer of the building. The Parks Department building is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. There may be a high volume of reservations initially, so to avoid waiting, the on-line reservation system is recommended.

Parks Department staff will be available to take reservations or answer questions starting November 1-7 (except on weekends) from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The Parks Department is closed on November 5 in observance of Election Day and other official County holidays. Starting Friday, November 8th the new hours for the reservations office will be 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (the Parks office is closed on weekends).

###

For more information, call: Communications & Special Events at 428-2380 See us on the web at www.monroecounty.gov